



A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY CONFERENCE SIDE EVENT:

Harnessing the Full Potential of Blue Economy through Research and Innovation

Date: 27th November 2018
Venue: University of Nairobi
Room: MSc 001
5:00-7:00PM

Event description

The event will spotlight a range of aquatic resources in Kenya, the processes that have led to a greater understanding of these resources, and how they could be harnessed for national development and community livelihood. The objectives of the session are to (a) review the state of aquatic research and its contribution to the Kenyan development agenda; (b) identify opportunities for blue economy investment in Kenya; especially those related to fisheries and aquaculture; (c) enhance public understanding on the role of blue economy in the achievements of sustainable development goals (d) bridge existing gaps in knowledge; and enhance private sector investment in the blue growth in Kenya. The session will consist of distinguished speakers, followed by a panel discussion that will provide the framework for session proceedings

Participants

Participants for this side event will be drawn from the representatives of the National Government Ministries, County Governments, private sector, and development partners, among others. There will be an opportunity for a round table discussion with scientists and development partners.

Output

The main output from the session would be an understanding of the status and conditions of aquatic resources in Kenya and trends. Lessons from the session will be used to develop a policy paper on strategic action on prioritized investment opportunities in blue economy in Kenya. Finally, the findings from the session will be used to design a research and action study that will dig deeper into the investment opportunities on blue economy in Kenya; focusing more on innovations in fisheries and aquaculture.

